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Kashmir Promised Referendum When Order Is Restored WILL DECIDE OWN FUTURE

New Delhi, Nov. 2.—The Dominion of India will hold a referendum under international auspices in the State of Kashmir as soon as order is restored, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, declared in a broadcast today over the whole All-India Radio network.

The Indian Government had promised to keep out invading tribesmen (Afridis, Mahsuds and Waziris had been previously identified) he said, adding: "We shall keep our pledge."

"As soon as Kashmir is free from the invader, our troops will have no further necessity to remain there and the fate of Kashmir will be left in the hands of the people of Kashmir", Pandit Nehru said.

"I want to say at once that the step we have taken in regard to Kashmir has been taken after the fullest thought and consideration of the consequences and I am convinced that what we have done was the right thing," he said.

"Our neighbour governments, using language not fit for governments nor, indeed, for responsible people, have made accusations against the Indian Government, accusing us of violence in regard to the accession of certain states to the Indian Union."

"I cannot and do not want to emulate the language used by these governments."

"I agree that there has been fraud and violence in Kashmir, but the question is, who is responsible for it?"

"Already considerable parts of the Jammu-Kashmir States have been overrun by invaders from outside, well-armed and well-equipped, and they have sacked and looted towns and villages and have put many of the inhabitants to flight."

SRINAGAR'S DANGER
"The beautiful city of Srinagar is on the verge of destruction. It has been stated there were raids from Jammu Heights across the Pakistan border and that there was communal trouble in Jammu and Muslims were killed and driven away."

"In the past we have not hesitated to condemn evil, whoever might have committed it, whether Hindus or Sikhs or Muslims, and if Hindu or Sikhs or any other functionaries of state did misbehave in Jammu Province, certainly we condemn them and regret their deeds."

"I have before me a detailed list of 95 villages in Jammu Province which have been destroyed by raiders from Pakistan."

"A town of considerable size has already been sacked and destroyed. Other towns are besieged and a

considerable part of the Poona area is in the possession of raiders."

"The invaders who have broken into Kashmir are fully armed and have competent leadership. All of these have come from Pakistan territory."

"We have a right to ask the Pakistan Government how and why these people could come across the frontier province of West Punjab, and how they have been armed."

"Is it not a violation of international law?"

"Is it not an unfriendly act against a neighbour country?"

"Is the Pakistan Government too weak to prevent armistice marching across its territory to invade another country, or is it willing that this should happen?"

"There is no alternative."

NATIONAL GUARD
Meanwhile, Mr Mohammed Ali Jinnah, the Governor General of India, today promulgated an ordinance enabling the formation of a national guard to supplement the armed forces of Pakistan."

An ordinance published in a Gazette Extraordinary said that a national guard should be raised on a voluntary basis and controlled by the Commander-in-Chief of the Pakistan Army under whose orders it would be equipped and trained."

The ordinance comes into force immediately and is applicable to all Pakistan territories."

The situation in Kashmir has been clarified by the communiqué issued by the India Defence Ministry tonight.

"If raiders who had crossed into the State of Kashmir 11 days ago and had made straight for Srinagar, are being held by forces of the Indian Government at Poonch, 20 miles from Srinagar, barring the road to the capital."

"Royal Indian Air Force planes made offensive reconnaissance over the Poonch area," the communiqué added.

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British Film Drive

London, Nov. 2.—The drive to accelerate the production schedules at British film studios got under way today after the announcement of a new £9,250,000 programme, the biggest in the history of British films, by the J. Arthur Rank organisation.

The Rank companies are now engaged in the actual production or active preparation of 43 full-length feature films to combat the American ban on film exports to Britain pending the removal of Britain's 75 percent import duty.

At Denham, one of the larger stages, on which considerable reconstruction work had been necessary, is almost ready for use.

The rebuilding has entailed the laying of another floor and installing a new tank below it for water shots.

An indication of the increasing scope of the work at Denham is the rise in the production staff from 133 to 201 in two years. These figures refer to technicians only, for Denham has a total of 1,400 employees.—Reuter.

Palestine Plan In Doubt

Big Powers Display Hesitation

Flushing, Nov. 2.—The hesitation and vagueness shrouding the positions of the big powers evoked rising speculation that the United Nations General Assembly might fail to achieve a clear-cut plan for Palestine partition at the 1947 session.

Officials of the United States, Great Britain and Russia refused to admit flatly that the decision might be shelved, but one responsible American said the outcome still looked like "touch and go", with less than a month of Assembly meeting remaining.

Several Arab sources reported that they had captured enough votes among the 47 nations to block approval of the Palestine partition solution sought by the Jews and violently opposed by Arabs of the Middle East.

POSSIBLE LINE-UP

One Arab spokesman said that 16 countries would vote against partition and ten would abstain. Since the Assembly can approve important matters only by a two-thirds vote of nations "present and voting," this would mean the defeat of partition.

The required two-thirds would be 32, but 31 are the most in sight for partition.

The Soviet delegate, Semyon Tsarapkin, is scheduled to tell the sub-committee tomorrow or Tuesday the Russian position. Soviet officials already have indicated that they want the Security Council to have some responsibility for the final Land's transition from the British mandate to independence.

Meanwhile, the General Assembly called another series of full-dress meetings to wind up action on trusteeship matters and the Political and Security Committee's proposal condemning war propaganda.—United Press.

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RYDER CUP RESULT

Portland, Oregon, Nov. 2.—America retained the Ryder Cup today when it chalked up the seventh point, out of a possible 12 halves, in the two day international golfing classic with Britain.—Associated Press.

US title holder Lew Worsham clinched the victory when he defeated James Adams of Scotland three and two, the third straight win of the day for the Cup defenders.

They had scored a clean sweep in yesterday's foursomes, giving them four points as they started eight concluding 36 hole singles matches today.—Associated Press.

Earlier scores will be found in columns 6 and 7.

CHURCHILL JUBILANT OVER ELECTION RESULTS No Political Landslide Says Labour Party Spokesman

London, Nov. 2.—Mr Winston Churchill, the Conservative Opposition leader, declared tonight that the heavy defeat of the Labour Government at yesterday's partial municipal elections in England and Wales was a "splendid victory" and congratulated all voters who took part in "this protest against the Socialist management of our affairs", while Lord Woolton, the Conservative Party Chairman, called on the Government to resign.

Results announced up to tonight, with only two more to come, showed an anti-Labour landslide with a Labour net loss of 643 seats and a Conservative net gain of 617. The Independents—usually of Conservative sympathies—had a net gain of 35 seats.

"This splendid victory of Conservative and liberal-minded men and women over the inept and wrong-headed forces which have already led us far along the road to ruin at home and abroad is the best thing that has happened to our country since the electoral disaster of 1945," declared Mr Churchill.

"The results," Mr Churchill continued, "deprives the Socialist Government of any mandate they had obtained at the general election. Henceforward, they will govern without the moral support and against the will of the people."

The Secretary of the Labour Party, Mr Phillips, denied the rout of the Labour forces and said: "The results are disappointing to Labour, but this is no political landslide."

TEMPORARY HALT
"All that has happened is that Labour's unprecedented run of success in local government elections since 1945 has been temporarily halted."

"It is fantastic to suggest, however, that a turnover of five per cent of the total number of borough council seats in England and Wales represents a great saving from Labour."

"In November, 1945, alone, Labour won no fewer than 1,359 seats and since the general elections well over 2,000 local government seats have gone over to Labour."

"The Conservative successes, therefore, represent only a relatively small proportion of the extensive gains Labour had made in local elections over the past two years."

"To have consolidated such a high proportion of our gains in the face of the high-pressure Tory attack, which was deliberately aimed at exploiting popular discontent over inevitable shortages and restrictions, can hardly be called a smashing defeat."

"In many respects, it could be called the 'food and basic petrol election.'"

"The many fine achievements of Labour councils are, to a large extent, obscured by Tory concentration on ration difficulties, and such tactics emphasise the political bankruptcy of our opponents."

"One satisfactory feature is that, in many areas, the Labour vote went up considerably as compared with a year ago."

"Nevertheless, despite this, Labour controls 100 towns and cities and remains the largest Party in many other areas."

Mr H. Pagan, Secretary of the Parliamentary and Local Government Department of the Communist Party, said that although the Conservatives had made large gains, full results were not yet available and it was most likely that a great number of the Labour electorate had abstained.

He said, however, that the puny vote was opposed to the present Labour policy.

GROWING IRRITATION

Political observers today saw the growing irritation at the shortcomings in the Government's handling of the economic crisis as a major factor in the swing to the Right of the municipal polls.

Although today's results were not complete, these still to come are too few to make any difference to this trend.

Labour Party supporters have, so far, refused to comment on the results other than the announcement issued by the Secretary of the Party, Mr Phillips, that the Government is virtually certain to refuse the demands for new Parliamentary elections.

Qualified observers pointed out that municipal elections have had, on a previous occasion, a different outcome from the national poll.

The factors which may have affected the local polls are:

1.—Disappointment at the suspension of housing projects in many municipalities.

The Government recently announced its intention to complete the 350,000 houses now under construction but future programmes will be curtailed because of the shortage of timber which is a dollar import.

2.—The hostility engendered by the Government's decision to abolish the basic petrol ration for pleasure motoring.

This move hit hundreds of thousands of motor car owner in the middle income groups.

3.—Local and national politics have, in recent years, become increasingly integrated, and although in the local campaigns the municipal issues are uppermost, the party organisation operates on nationally co-ordinated lines.

Only a proportion of the local council seats are contested in each election.

SEVEREST BLOW

The severest blow to the Labour Party was its loss of power in many of the large cities which possess extensive powers over local finance, municipal enterprises, and education.

They include:

- Manchester, the commercial capital of the northwest industrial region, with a population of 700,000.

The Labour Party lost its majority of eight and is now in a minority of two against the Conservative and Liberal combination.

Birmingham, the second city of England, with a population of over 1,000,000—Labour formerly had a majority of 16; now it exactly balances the Conservatives, with 66 votes each.

Oldham, Lancashire, with a population of 114,000—Labour lost its majority of 10 and is now in a minority of two.

Another feature of the results was the reversion to the Conservatives of several towns which Labour won for the first time in the swing to the Left which marked the general election of 1945.

The five large cities where the majority remains unchanged are: Liverpool, Conservatives; Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Labour; Huddersfield, Liberal; Leeds, Labour.—Reuter.

Food For Germany

Berlin, Nov. 2.—Food worth \$20,300,000 was imported into the Anglo-American zones of Germany from the United States and other countries between October 1 and October 12, according to the United States Military Government's fortnightly report quoted by the German news agency in the United States Zone today.—Reuter.

corner kick. Two goals in succession by the outside right, Profmow, gave them a 3-0 lead at halftime.

After the Dynamos inside left, Domin had increased their advantage in the second half, Gotherburg, Comrades' centre forward, Dunstons, scored to reduce the lead to three again. Three minutes later, however, the Dynamos centre forward scored his side's fifth goal.

Towards the end, the Swedes attacked severely, but they could not beat the Dynamos' goalkeeper.

A crowd of 30,000 watched the match in dull, breezy weather.—Reuter.

SPARTANS DEFEATED

Prague, Nov. 2.—Before a crowd of 60,000, who crammed the stadium here, even climbing on tops of stands to get a better view, Central House, of the Red Army, beat Prague's team Spartans, by two goals to one in a soccer match.

Central House, who are unbeaten in 32 matches played abroad since the end of May, played with more cohesion than the home team, who spoiled good approach work by errors in the front of goal.

At half time, Central House led by one goal to nil.—Reuter.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH

Geneva, Nov. 2.—Switzerland defeated Belgium by four goals to nil in an international soccer match here this afternoon.

All the goals were scored in the first half.—Reuter.

A Pretty Thought Isn't It?

Death From 1,000 MPH Guided Missile

Washington, Nov. 1.—An Army guided missile expert today suggested the possibility of using the deadly radio-active waste byproduct of the manufacture of atom bomb in the warheads of future guided missiles.

Maj-Gen J. L. Homer, Commander of the Army's anti-aircraft artillery and guided missiles centre, made the suggestion in the "Military Review," official publication of the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

General Homer said guided missiles of the future will travel close to the ground at 1,000 mph, have a range of perhaps 1,500 miles and carry an atomic warhead. He said: "Other potential means of destruction carried by this weapon could be radio-active waste byproduct in the manufacture of fission material."

"At the present time this material is usually stored underground in tanks because of the extreme difficulty of safe disposal. It is conceivable it can be loaded in any type of guided missile," General Homer said.

He suggested future guided missiles be equipped with a combination of one or more "homing" devices to lead them to the target and with proximity fuses to explode them at the proper time.

General Homer revealed that one scientist proposed an idea of a pilotless aircraft containing light radioactive pile. He said this could cause destruction and death by merely flying over areas or close to formations of enemy planes or ships.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

Financial Buoyancy

HONGKONG'S financial position at the end of December, 1946 has now been disclosed, and the figures are highly revealing—almost astonishing. A \$116,000,000 estimated deficit for the whole of the 1946-7 year had, by the end of the first eight months been reduced to a little under \$16,000,000, and if the tendencies of that period are any criterion, it is reasonable to assume that, during the last four months of the financial year, revenue continued to be greater and expenditure lower than the estimates. It is, therefore, quite possible that the general revenue deficit for 1946-7 will be between 10 and 15 million dollars—a mere bagatelle compared to the original estimate. This is cheering news, as also is the information that practically all of the B.M.A. expenses are being met by War Office. In terms of general revenue and expenditure, Hongkong may not be solvent, but its financial buoyancy is indisputable. Most significant revelation is that during eight critical months of rehabilitation the Colony was able to exceed the estimated revenue for the whole year by a million and a half dollars, and to reduce expenditure to such a degree that the anticipated deficit was slashed to about one-sixth—a remarkable achievement. A breakdown of the income for the eight months May to December discloses that practically all of the principal revenue-

producing departments exceeded expectations. Duties, Internal Revenue, Licences, Fees and Forfeitures, the Post Office, Land Sales and revenue from Land Rents, Properties and Investments all surpassed in eight months the estimated revenue for the whole year. The signs since December 1946 have been that revenue under the same heads has continued to accrue in increasing degrees, so that Hongkong's financial position at this moment is conceivably very much better than it was ten months ago. While it is true a number of undetermined liabilities remain outstanding, the statement issued by the Treasury suggests that these will not be unduly severe. And it is also, as well to remember that there are two undetermined credit accounts, namely the Custodian of Property, and Supplies—Trade and Industry. Just what these two post-war departments will yield in revenue is anybody's guess, but it is fairly certain it will be sufficient, not only to meet unknown liabilities, but also to absorb whatever deficit remains on the current revenue account at the end of the 1947-8 financial year. Hongkong too, still possesses her prime assets—sound economy, a stable currency, and incomparably the best trading facilities in the Orient. With these, and the prudent policy which guides the Colony's finances, she can look forward to a fairly quick elimination of the present deficit.

BURNING AND LOOTING

New Delhi, Nov. 2.—Considerable casualties, burning and looting preceded the tribal invasion of Kashmir State along the Jammu-Sialkote border and the Gulmarg-Jammu border of Kashmir State from the Pakistan side. It was revealed today.

Reliable sources revealed that as many as 100 villages were raided, burned and looted and women abducted in large numbers between October 12 and 24, when the main attack was launched from the Northwest Frontier Province along the Abbottabad road.

Some localities like Kotli, Bhimbar, Manavara and Chunar were raided three times and heavy casualties reported. These attacks were motivated to disperse the Kashmir State forces and enable the big offensive of October 24. The result was the raiders moved fast in trucks, occupying Kohala, Domel, Uri and eventually Baramulla and Patten without serious opposition.

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WHY THE BATTLESHIP 'RAN AWAY'

Told for the first time today—the facts about
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Navy's £9,000,000 mystery ... by W. A. CRUMLEY.

THE honour of 1,700 fighting men and the captain they idolised is vindicated. For six years their battleship, Prince of Wales, has been branded as a "coward ship"—a giant which ran away after only ten minutes' engagement with the German Bismarck.

Today we know why. Britain's brand new £9,000,000 Prince of Wales was at the time not worthy of the name battleship. Her guns were hopelessly faulty and inaccurate. She had been hit by seven shells.

This skeleton, which the Navy believed forever buried, is dragged from an Admiralty cupboard in the October 17 issue of the London Gazette. It publishes the official despatches on the sinking of the Bismarck.

Cold-shouldered

THEY tell far more than the strategy of withdrawal: they explain why the whole fleet cold-shouldered the men of the Prince of Wales, why ugly whispers of chafed sailors and mutiny aboard the ship followed her 1,700 dejected men.

Let the men who sent the despatches tell their own story of what happened near the ice edge of the Denmark Strait, between Iceland and Greenland, on Saturday, May 24, 1941.

Explanation

THE CAPTAIN (he was John Catterall Leach) SAID: "Some explanation remains to be made as to my decision to break off the engagement (with the Bismarck and Prinz Eugen) after the sinking of the Hood—a decision which clearly invites the most critical examination."

"1. The practical certainty that owing to mechanical teething troubles a full output from the main armament (16-in. guns) was not to be expected."

"2. The working up of the ship after commissioning had only just reached the stage where I felt able to report to the Commander-in-Chief that I considered her reasonably fit to take part in service operations. This was the first occasion on which she had done so. The men serving the guns were immensely keen and well drilled, but inexperienced."

"3. The likelihood of a decisive concentration being effected against the enemy at a later stage."

"In all the circumstances I did not consider it sound tactics to continue single-handed the engagement with two German ships, both of whom might be expected to be at the peak of their efficiency. Accordingly, I turned away and broke off the action pending a more favourable opportunity."

Out of action

SO much for the breaking-off of action. At naval headquarters this was thought to be a temporary measure. So they sent this message:—

MOST URGENT. Admiralty to Rear Admiral Commanding, First Cruiser Squadron. What are your intentions about re-engaging with Prince of Wales?

Decision

THE REAR ADMIRAL (William F. Wake-Walker, later a knight and a Sea Lord), REPLIED: "I had seen the Prince of Wales forced out of

action after ten minutes' engagement, at the end of which her salvoes were falling short and had a very large spread indeed. She was shot of one gun, and her bridge was wrecked."

"She was a brand new ship with new turrets (of an untried type) in which mechanical breakdowns had occurred and were to be expected, and she had had a bare minimum for working up (to fighting efficiency)."

"I required an excess of speed to bring the enemy to action and I had no evidence that with the Prince of Wales reduced to 27 knots (by an underwater hit aft) I possessed it."

"My decision (to hang on to the enemy and ensure his interception by the Battle Fleet speeding out to avenge the sinking of the Hood) was not an easy one. I appreciated that my force was superior in number and I appreciated the weight of the moral factors involved."

"I could not feel, however, that the Prince of Wales in her then state of efficiency was worth her face value or that my extra cruiser would counter-balance her weakness."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (Sir Jack Tovey) ANSWERED: "After full consideration of the facts, I am of opinion that this decision was justified and correct. If powerful reinforcements had not been in the vicinity the problem would, of course, have been a different one."

Dry-docked

THE story ought to have ended there. But it did not. Admiral Tovey's despatches were secret then and the men of the Prince of Wales were cruelly misjudged. They were called the "P.O.W.s" who "ran away," and the rudest words of the Navy's "Destroyer" song, those about "no futile goal," were used in lower deck banter.

Prince of Wales officers found themselves coldly treated by some brother officers in the Fleet.

Plenty of hotels for sale —and they're cheaper

by ... BERNARD HARRIS

WHAT is there in Britain today available for purchase in greater quantity, more variety, and at a lower price than two years ago? The answer is hotels. And under that heading I include boarding-houses, country clubs, and roadhouses.

A leading West End estate agency tells me that they have on their list a list of hotels "as long as your arm." Many of these are not officially in the market. But the owners have let the agents know that they are prepared to consider offers.

GET-RICH-QUICK MEN

The prices they have in mind range from £7,000 to £150,000. But only a few will actually be put on the market. Others will be lucky to get within 20 percent of the price they want.

The price fall is specially marked with the short-season luxury hotel. After the war, petrichor and speculators rushed to buy hotels of this type on the basis of £1,000 a bedroom.

They were so convinced that a fortune was assured that they hardly stopped to check the takings or the post-war earnings record. To justify the inflated price they charged their guests 14 and 15 guineas a week—sometimes even more—for food, accommodation, and service which were often no more than eight guineas.

In the spending spree of the first post-war years they got away with these high charges. But the story this year has been very different. Though paper money is losing its value it still has to be earned. And it is not being earned so readily.

Towards the end of this season many of these high-priced hotels were two-thirds empty.

With their dreams of a quick fortune fading, some of the speculators are seeking to get out. They are finding that hotels for which they paid £1,000 a bedroom two years ago will not now fetch more than £700.

When prices are falling there are always other people who are prepared to sell for less than the drop should go further.

"That is happening now. Mostly the would-be sellers are not seasoned hotel people. They are not the sturdy folk who are prepared to face a tough six months financially."

For, apart from the speculators, the hotel business has been invaded by a number of types.

They include furniture dealers who bought empty, derelict hotels fairly cheaply because they knew better than most how to refurbish them.

They include clothing manufacturers who had a "pull" with textile firms and could more easily obtain curtains, carpets, and other furnishings.

And there is a sprinkling of stockbrokers and financiers who thought it would be fun to set up in the hotel business and had the means to gratify that whim.

AMATEURS GO

Some of these people have made a success. They have brought new ideas, new energy with them. But, for the most part, the "amateurs" have done the hotel business no good.

Maybe the people will have a better holiday next year now that the amateurs are making way for the experts.

For the buyers of the big hotels today are mostly men who have been in the business a long time, and are gradually working their way up from the ownership of one or two small hotels.

The small and medium-sized hotels are holding their value better than the luxury type. But here, too, there are plenty to be bought.

One reason is that some of the partnerships of ex-officers, based on wartime association, are not working smoothly.

One partner may have young children who run over the hotel and disturb the guests. The other, who has no children, says it is bad for trade and wants to stop it.

"They can't agree. Neither can buy the other out, so they decide to start afresh. The partnership is dissolved and the hotel put up for sale."

48-HOUR WEEK

Other hotels are coming on the market because the owners are worried about recommendations that all hotel workers must be paid enough to make them independent of tips.

Higher wages are not the only problem. Insistence on a 48-hour week means, for many hotels, a large increase in staff.

With the coming into operation of the Control of Employment Order that extra staff will not be easy to find.

There is the additional complication for short-season hotels that workers who leave now may not be available for re-engagement next Easter.

For owners of hotels in outlying places a new headache has been caused by the abolition of basic petrol.

Some of these people, as well as owners of country clubs and roadhouses, depended for nearly 50 percent of their trade on motorists.

STILL PROSPEROUS

But there are compensations elsewhere. The ban on foreign travel and the inclination of more and more people to forego rail travel and queues by going to live in hotels should ensure reasonable prosperity for most well-conducted hotels next year.

One expert gave me this formula for success: "The hotel-keeper must avoid three things—tax dodging, the black market, and the temptation to overcharge."

Then, by way of afterthought, he added: "And boiled fish."

Fish will figure increasingly in hotel menus over the coming months. The average guest will overlook a hole in the carpet or a darning tablecloth, but he will never forgive everlasting boiled fish.

The test of the intelligent hotelier in 1948 will be his ability to scrip and save on the fat ration so that he can serve fish attractively.

With this, plus courtesy and good service, he should do well.



"What do you know, boys, I've been directed to work in the Mint!"

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

REMARKING that Rome was not built in a day, Dr Strabismus (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht has begun to prepare for a third attempt to reach the moon by rocket.

In his laboratory at Waggling Parva the other day he was busy among bursting retorts and smoking phials. As I entered he was pouring a hot black fluid through a small brass funnel into a bucket. He then looked a hole in the side of the bucket, and the fluid began to trickle out into a flat pan. Into the pan the rage plunged a kind of tuning-fork with a curved cardboard top. He added a few handfuls of sand to the liquid, and then emptied it all back into the bucket, having banged up the hole with red clay.

'Tibetan Moonflower'

(XIII.)

IT was Egham's hour. Never had he seen her in more yielding mood. He held her hand in his, and he was so accustomed to having it scratched away that he couldn't think what to do with it. So he pressed it meaningfully. Slowly she met his gaze, her large eyes, still as forest pools, seeming to en-

courage him to hope once more. "My Tibetan moonflower," he murmured drawing her towards him, "can it be that you love me at last?" Dingli-Poos, who was listening for Moompl's signal on the wall to say that time was up, did not answer. Egham became more daring. His arms were round her. He was about to rain kisses on her upturned face when he heard the two low taps on the wall, which meant that Mr. D. J. Mince had arrived. Gently she repulsed the warrior. "You are so impetuous," she said. "It grows late. I must feed my canaries. Return tomorrow, dear Egham." "For my answer?"

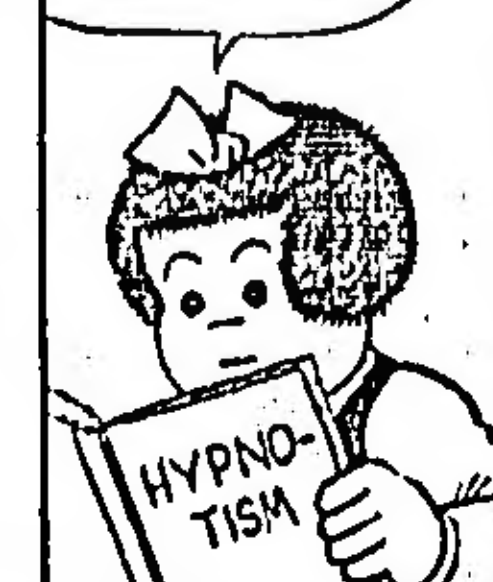
"Who knows?" she replied tauntingly. And she pushed him gently out of a side-door. Moompl immediately opened a secret panel in the wall, and in stepped Mr. D. J. Mince.

Atta, Museum!

THE visitor from Stockholm who wants us to brighten up our museums should join my campaign. For years I have been pressing for a dance band in the British Museum reading-room, fortune-telling booths and snake-dancers in the illuminated manuscript room, and ladies in lights riding two horses at once in the Natural History Museum.

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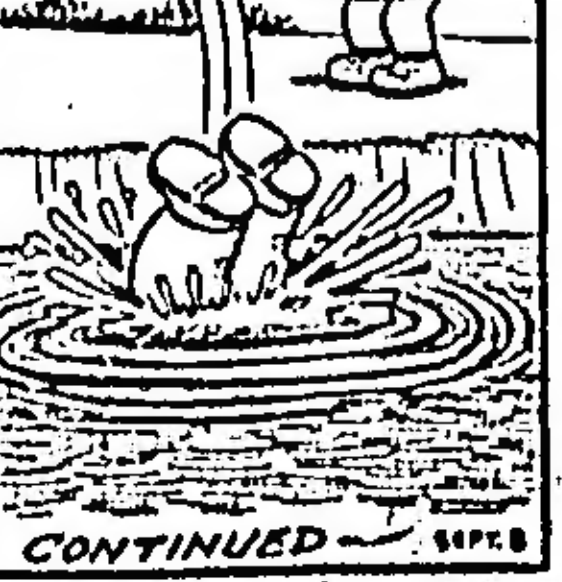
DON'T BE SO STUBBORN-- ANSWER ME



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By Galbraith



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BY SYDNEY REDWOOD

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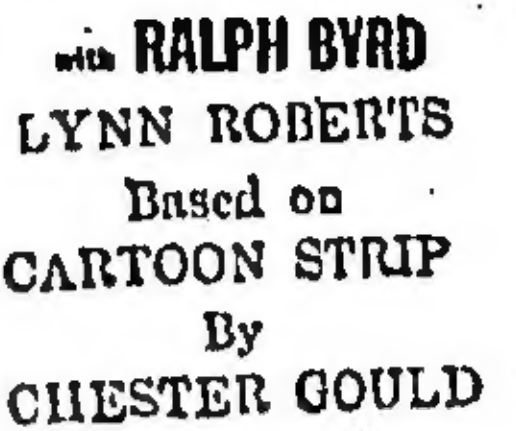
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They Have Good Word For Japan

Frankfurt, Nov. 2.—Representative W. Sterling Cole, Republican of New York, nearing the end of a global tour, said he regarded Japan as "the one bright spot in a dark world picture."

Representatives Walter Norblad, Republican of Oregon, and Charles Cason, Republican of Massachusetts, expressed agreement.

All are members of the House Armed Services Committee. The group spent several weeks in the Pacific and briefly visited Athens, Rome, Vienna, Munich, Berlin and Frankfurt.

"In Japan, the people have really put their shoulders to the wheel, accepted our guidance, and are now ready to run their own economy without our help as soon as conclusion of a peace treaty permits withdrawal of foreign armed forces," Cole said. "Everywhere else we find civil strife, economic shortages and everybody looking to the United States for assistance."

Norblad commented that it appeared to him "we have too many generals and not enough privates" in the Pacific occupation forces.

None would attempt to compare the European occupation with the Pacific because they had not been able to spend enough time in Europe to reach any conclusions.—Associated Press.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. England. 2. Sea-sickness. 3. Kiev. 4. Doctor Rene Laennec. 5. Burma. 6. To keep the fibres moist to avoid breaking.

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U. N. RESOLUTION ON INDONESIA NOT EFFECTIVE

BY ROBERT HENSLEY

New York, Nov. 2.—There was considerable scepticism among United Nations delegates this week-end concerning the possible effectiveness of the Security Council's latest action on Indonesia. Admittedly designed only to create conditions under which an eventual settlement could be worked out, the decision reached late on Saturday after weeks of debate nevertheless appeared to meet nobody's entire approval.

LOWER U.S. EXPORTS FORECAST

Washington, Nov. 2.—The President's council of economic advisers forecast a decline for the next several years of American exports and "export surplus," even under the Marshall Plan.

Their report to President Harry Truman said: "The amount of exports financed with government aid has ranged between two and three percent of our gross national product, and will be less in the future. Our general financial ability to support such a programme cannot be questioned."

The report pointed out that debtors nations can repay borrowed dollars only by increasing their export trade. This will necessarily "expose American industry to added competition, a test which must be faced."

Some outright gifts to meet emergency demands, however, will more rapidly qualify these countries for loans from the International Bank and private sources and more rapidly restore a well-balanced world trade.

In the long run, the economic restoration of Europe will benefit our own economy by enabling us to obtain more goods by advantageous trade.

"On the other hand, a cessation of foreign aid would force an economic re-orientation of Europe which would be detrimental to our economy," the report said.—Associated Press.

Palestine Plan

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Baghdad, Nov. 2.—"I confirm that the Lebanese, Syrian and Egyptian armies are massing on the Palestine borders now," declared Abdul Rahman Azzam, the Secretary General of the Arab League, here tonight.

"The Transjordan Army is on duty inside Palestine."

Bahman Azzam, who arrived here from Amman, added: "The Arab League has not appointed a Commander-in-Chief, but has appointed a Defence Commission to deal with the massing of troops, operations and the transportation of Arab armies."

"The Arabs have decided to save Palestine against any power attempting to implement partition, although the Arabs do not wish to use force against anyone."

The "Transjordan Army" referred to by Abdul Azzam is presumed to be the 700-strong British-ordered "Transjordan Frontier Force" which is recruited from the Arabs in Palestine and Transjordan.

Its headquarters were recently transferred from Zerka, in Transjordan, to Rosh Pina, in Eastern Galilee.

Units of the Force have been reported patrolling Palestine's northern border with Syria.

TRANSJORDAN SUPPORT

The Emir of Transjordan will give his full support to the decisions of the recent conference of the Arab League at Beirut on the defence measures "to safeguard the territorial integrity of Palestine," Azzam added.

An appeal to Iraq to collect funds to buy arms and ammunition for the Arab armies was made today under the names of an ex-Premier of Iraq, Hamdi Al Pachachi, and the President of the Iraq Parliament, Abdul Aziz Qassab.

In Cairo, a spokesman of the Arab League Press Office expressed surprise tonight at the statement made by Rahman Azzam, concerning the massing of Arab forces on the borders of Palestine.

The spokesman added that his office was unaware of any new development of a military nature made by the Arab League.

"So far as we know, the situation is unchanged on the Palestine borders since the Arab armies deployed there after the League Council's decision to 'protect' Palestine from Arab taken at Beirut last month."—Reuter.

The resolution was finally adopted simply called upon the Indonesians and Dutch to try again, this time under the guidance of the three-nation United Nations Commission now in Java, to agree upon some practical means of making effective the Council's two previous cease-fire orders which failed to halt hostilities. It also suggested that troops be withdrawn to positions held on August 4.

The chief criticism levelled against the latest resolution by delegates with no direct interest in the matter was that it failed to recognise that reports from the consular officials in Batavia clearly laid the blame for failure of the previous cease-fire orders on the Dutch forces.

They believed that adoption of a carefully neutral resolution after receipt of such reports indicated a tendency among the colonial powers on the Council, with United States support, to disregard the strength of the Indonesian case. They felt that if this was made evident in such a preliminary decision, it also would show up in the eventual decision, which might come on basic political issues.

U.S. Stand Disappoints

Among those who had followed the case since the beginning, there was particular disappointment over the United States' attitude. They recalled that in the early days of the Indonesian Republic the State Department had given it considerable encouragement as shown by the American announcement of early this year that the "fact" recognition would be extended to the new republic.

This apparent tendency to side with the Netherlands is said by informed sources to stem from the fact that during recent weeks the Indonesian matter, as far as the United States is concerned, has been entirely in the hands of the State Department's European experts instead of the Far Eastern officials who normally would handle it. Some officials in the Far East division frankly charged in private conversations that this was due to the United States' desire to solidify its anti-Communist front in Western Europe.

Another factor influencing delegates here to a gloomy view of the Council's latest order is that the Dutch, through their delegate, Eelco Van Kleef, have given notice that they still believe the United Nations has no authority to intervene in the dispute and will not feel bound to abide by any of its decisions they do not concur in.—United Press.

REFERENDUM FOR KASHMIR

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The first armed resistance came at Uri before Baramulla, which delayed the scheduled occupation of Srinagar, fixed for October 26, day of the Muslim festival of "Id". There was to have been a victory parade in the presence of the Governor General of Pakistan, Mr. Ghous Ali Khan, on Monday, October 27, according to information received in New Delhi.

SURPRISE ATTACK

The first batch of Indian troops landed and launched a surprise attack on October 27 on the raiders' positions at Baramulla, inflicting heavy casualties. At that spot, the Indian Commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Rai, was killed while his troops were withdrawing against outlying movements. They saved Srinagar, however, which has not yet been attacked.

The raiders and Indian troops entrenched around the Pattan-Baramulla-Kashmir road, but daily and repeated strafing by Spitfires of the Indian Air Force caused confusion to the raiders, led by experienced commanders who recently belonged to the Indian National Army of Subhas Chandra Bose.

Indian troops were reported to have arrived at the Jammu border by an overland route through Pathankot and Jammu, presumably carrying heavy arms, including artillery. The hills surrounding Srinagar Valley often become snow-capped towards the end of November. Before this time, it is expected, the situation will be stabilised and the raiders repelled. One estimate mentions the raiders' casualties as more than 1,000 against a few Indian troops. Among the Pathan raiders taken prisoner, some were reported to be wearing Pakistan Army uniforms. Official quarters, however, were reticent.—United Press.



"Somebody threw some bubble gum into Old Faithful."

Incidents Mar Royal Wedding Rehearsal

London, Nov. 2.—Two incidents, both of them outside Westminster Abbey, marred the otherwise perfect timing and faultless precision of today's rehearsal of the royal wedding procession from Buckingham Palace to the Abbey.

DEPUTIES TO MEET IN LONDON

London, Nov. 2.—Against a stormy world background, the Big Four foreign ministers deputies will meet here on Thursday to attempt to resolve technical disputes aggravating major difference over the German and Austrian peace treaties, in preparation for the session of the Council of Foreign Ministers convening on November 26.

The Ministers themselves will try once more to find the long elusive European peace. On their efforts may hinge the prospects of international co-operation for years to come.

American diplomatic negotiators have privately acknowledged their pessimism over the chances of reaching an agreement which would put Germany back on its feet as an economic and political entity with a full role in Europe's reconstruction.

On the basis of remarks by informed officials, it is believed that the United States already has talked over with Britain plans for putting into effect a working economic, semi-political arrangement in that part of Germany under Anglo-American, and possibly French, control in the event of a continued Council deadlock.—Associated Press.

THE TREASURY PAYS OUT

London, Nov. 2.—Cheques for £100,000,000 will be sent out by the Treasury on November 10 as bulk payment for houses totally destroyed by bombing during the war.

The payments will cover about 140,000 properties, the War Damage Commission stated today.

The payments are at the rate of 45 per cent above the 1939 values to meet the rise in prices. Further bulk payments to be made later will bring the total up to about £170,000,000, paid out for 216,000 destroyed properties.—Reuter.

Radio Beam Was Wavering

Ketchikan, Alaska, Nov. 2.—The Coast Guard today revealed that the radio beam on Annette Island, where the Pan-American DC-4 crash last Sunday took 18 lives, was found to be wavering the day after the crash.

Neither the Coast Guard nor the Civil Aeronautics Authority would comment on the possibility of the beam having been wavering on the day of the crash.

Meanwhile, rescue crews recovered 16 bodies from the snow-covered mountainside. A heavy snowstorm hindered operations as they sought two more bodies in the crash area. Of the four bodies found until noon, only four were reported to be identifiable. Four bodies were found when the wreck was first reached yesterday.—United Press.

TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

6.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Ambrose and Anne Ambrose and His Orchestra and Anne Shelton (Vocal) 7.00—A Light Concert. 7.30 p.m.—STUDIO: "See Tea" Eye witness account of the football match between Shanghai and Singapore. 7.30 p.m.—STUDIO: "I Like What I Like" Presented by Arthur Gee. 8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News. 8.15 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "The Elizabethans" 8.45 p.m.—Favourite Songs. 9.00 p.m.—STUDIO: "Talks by Rev. Father T. F. Ryan, S. J. 'Great Musicians'" 10.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Queen's Hall Light Orchestra" 10.00 p.m.—London Relay: News. 10.10 p.m.—Weather Report. 10.11 p.m.—"Something for Everybody"—Music for all tastes. 11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

The first took place as leading troops of the Household Cavalry reformed for the return drive to the Palace.

As they came out of Tottill Street, the outriders failed to wheel round sufficiently to bring the escort into the correct alignment in front of the west door.

The officer in charge, his sword unsheathed, galloped across the roadway to halt the troops and manoeuvred them round into the correct line.

The second and more spectacular incident happened a few minutes later.

As the Irish coach, which on November 20 will take the King and Queen back to the Palace, moved off from the west door, a massive black horse, carrying Colonel Henry Abel Smith, who commands the Horse Guards, slipped on the greasy cobble as its rider was about to take up his position besides the coach.

Onlookers gasped as the fore and hind legs of the horse splayed out and it plunged to regain its feet.

Quickly Remounted

The colonel, his unsheathed sword still at a perfect "present," calmly sat his struggling mount until a civilian official ran out and grasped its bridle. Then he slid to the ground over its back and quickly remounted.

The reforming of the procession continued uninterruptedly so far as not to spoil the time factor, and as soon as he was in the saddle, Colonel Smith galloped quickly after the State coach which was then disappearing into Whitehall.

The royal head coachman, Frederick Mellveen, who will drive Princess Elizabeth to her wedding, rehearsed his part "without a hitch," he said afterwards.

Hundreds of people lined the route and swarmed about the Palace gates to see the preview pageantry.

At least half of the spectators were children, mostly small boys out to see the 300 odd horses mounted by both police and cavalymen with their burnished swords.—Reuter.

Matching Margaret

London, Nov. 2.—The implied suggestion in a Paris newspaper report that Princess Margaret might marry King Michael of Rumania after the announcement that he was to attend the wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten is not taken seriously in any responsible London quarters.

Little credence is attached here to the report printed in the right wing Paris paper, L'Europe, which stated that "already the question was being asked would Princess Margaret lose of Engl and wear the crown of Rumania."—Reuter.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail closes before 10 a.m., registered parcels will close at 5 p.m. on previous day.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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Straits, Ceylon, East & South Africa, Egypt and Europe via London (Sea) 10.00 a.m.
"Canada (Parcels only) via Vancouver B. C. (Sea) 10.00 a.m.
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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Singapore, Colombo, Surabaya, Sydney & Auckland 3.30 p.m.
Amoy, Foochow, Shanghai, Hankow, Nanking, Tientsin & Peking 3.30 p.m.
Canton & Swatow 3.30 p.m.

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Britain Aims To Reach Agreement On Germany

Berlin, Nov. 2.—Lieut.-Gen. Sir Brinn Robertson, British Military Governor, declared today that Britain aims to reach an agreement with Russia, France and the United States on the unification of Germany.

Gen. Robertson's comments are considered to be significant because they come at a time when most official circles admit that such an agreement is remote.

Observers believe that Gen. Robertson is paving the way for "reasonable negotiations" on the unification question when the Big Four Foreign Ministers meet in London late in November.

Robertson officially became the Military Governor this morning when Air Marshal Sir Sholto Douglas went into retirement.

Speaking to a German radio audience in his first weekly broadcast, Gen. Robertson called Germany's economy an integral part of Europe as a whole.

He said: "For this reason our aims in Germany are fixed within the framework of our aims in Europe. For example, we aim to see a united Germany because we hold that the future stability of Europe requires a united Germany."

"Moreover we aim to reach an agreement with our Allies over German problems, because we do not feel that peace in future will be safe unless there is agreement on this most vital of all problems."

He said to reconstruct Germany to a point where she can attain a more suitable standard of living, her economy must be revived.

He said this recovery would depend on the part the people them-

selves played in working for recovery and on the increasing production of the Ruhr coal mines on which the industry of all Western Germany hinges.

The aims of Britain for German recovery were listed as enforcing a level of industry plan, pushing Ruhr coal production to 300,000 tons daily in the immediate future and to normal peace-time 400,000 tons eventually plus, increasing exports to get new imports of both food and raw materials and, finally, to boost food rations to 1,800 calories per day.—United Press.

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